

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of playing a ~~board~~ game, comprising:

~~advancing a game piece to a game space;~~

~~tasting an unidentified beverage in response to the game piece landing on the game space~~

preliminarily tasting each of at least two different beverage samples during the game;

recording information pertaining to the at least two different beverage samples, wherein the information is recorded by a player during the game;

tasting an unidentified beverage from the at least two different beverage samples after the recording step; and

answering at least one question about the ~~unidentified beverage~~ information.

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5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein the information includes at least one of a name, a year, a type, a region, and a country of each of the at least two beverages.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, further comprising:

reviewing the information before answering the at least one question about the unidentified beverage.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, further comprising:

utilizing additional information obtained from the preliminary tasting to answer the at least one question about the ~~unidentified beverage~~ information.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

advancing ~~[[the]]~~ a game piece one game space on a board game if the question about the ~~unidentified beverage~~ information is answered correctly; and

not advancing the game piece if the question about the ~~unidentified beverage~~ information is answered incorrectly.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of answering the at least one question about the ~~unidentified beverage~~ information comprises:

~~answering N questions regarding the unidentified beverage; and~~

advancing the game piece one game space for ~~each of the~~ each of the at least one question that is answered correctly.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~unidentified beverage~~ at least two different beverage samples is a wine.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

advancing a game piece to a game space on a game board;

tasting the unidentified beverage from the at least two different beverage samples in response to the game piece landing on a blind taste test game space; and

advancing the game piece to another game space.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

answering a trivia question in response to the game piece landing on the other game space.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

advancing the game piece one game space if the trivia question is answered correctly;
and

not advancing the game piece if the trivia question is answered incorrectly.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

determining to utilize a directive card.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

utilizing the directive card to invoke a bonus condition;

answering ~~[[the]]~~ a trivia question in response to the game piece landing on the other game space; ~~[[and]]~~

wherein, if the trivia question is answered correctly, advancing the game piece one game space for responding correctly to the trivia question and advancing the game piece a predetermined number of bonus game spaces; and

if the trivia question is answered incorrectly, advancing at least one opponents game piece a predetermined number of bonus game spaces.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

utilizing the directive card to invoke a challenge condition;

requesting that an opponent answer a trivia question; and

wherein, if the opponent answers the trivia question incorrectly, advancing the game piece a predetermined number of game spaces, and if the opponent answers the trivia question correctly, advancing a game piece of the opponent the predetermined number of game spaces.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of playing a game board, comprising:

providing a game board having a plurality of trivia game spaces; and at least one blind taste test game space;

recording at least one of a name, a year, and a region for each of at least two different beverages, wherein the recording step is performed by a player during the game;

tasting an unidentified beverage from the at least two different beverages after the recording step; and

answering at least one question about the at least one of the name, year, and region of the unidentified beverage.

18. (Currently Amended) The method game board of claim 17, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

arranging [[the]] a plurality of trivia game spaces and the at least one blind taste test game space ~~are arranged~~ in a predetermined pattern.

19. (Currently Amended) The method ~~game board~~ of claim 18, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

arranging the plurality of trivia game spaces and the at least one blind taste test game space ~~are arranged~~ around the perimeter of the board.

20. (Currently Amended) The method ~~game board~~ of claim 18 [[17]], ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

labeling each of the plurality of trivia game spaces ~~each portray~~ with a wine label.

21. (Currently Amended) The method ~~game board~~ of claim 20, wherein the wine label is a fictional wine label.

22. (Currently Amended) The method ~~game board~~ of claim 20, wherein the wine label is an authentic wine label.

23. (Currently Amended) The method ~~game board~~ of claim 20, wherein the wine label contains information pertaining to at least one of alcohol content, grape variety name, region, winemaker, and vintage of a wine.

24. (Currently Amended) The method ~~game board~~ of claim 17, further comprising:

providing at least one directive card marker.

25. (Currently Amended) The method ~~game board~~ of claim 17, further comprising:

providing at least one area in the board game that includes wine tasting vocabulary.

26. (Currently Amended) A kit, comprising:

a game board including a plurality of trivia game spaces and at least one blind taste test game space; and

a sheet for a player to record information concerning at least one of a name, a year, a type, a region, a country, a color, a scent, and a taste for at least one of at least two

different beverages, wherein the information recorded on the sheet is reviewed by a player before performing a blind taste test.

27. (Original) The kit of claim 26, further comprising:

a plurality of directive cards.

28. (Currently Amended) The kit of claim 26, further comprising:

a plurality of ~~taste test note the sheets to record information regarding a beverage~~ sheets.

29. (Currently Amended) The kit of claim ~~[[28]]~~ 26, wherein the ~~plurality of taste test note sheets each comprise~~ sheet includes:

at least one space for recording ~~a sensory impression of the beverage~~ information concerning at least one of a name, a year, a type, a region, a country, a color, a scent, and a taste for at least one of at least two different beverages.

30. (Currently Amended) The kit of claim ~~[[28]]~~ 26, wherein the ~~plurality of taste test note sheets each comprise~~ sheet further comprises:

at least one instruction explaining how to evaluate the ~~beverage~~ at least two different beverages.

31. (Original) The kit of claim 28, wherein the beverage is wine.

32. (Original) The kit of claim 26, further comprising:

a plurality of game pieces.

33. (Original) The kit of claim 32, wherein the plurality of game pieces are each a cork.

34. (Original) The kit of claim 33, wherein each cork is a synthetic cork.

35. (Original) The kit of claim 26, further comprising:

a plurality of trivia cards.